11 Days Chongqing & Tibet Tour Via Xining for Qinghai-Tibet Railway Experience

Trip overview

Embark on an epic cross-regional overland odyssey connecting China's most dynamic futuristic metropolis with the sacred, cloud-draped sanctuaries of the roof of the world on this **11-Day Chongqing and Tibet Mount Everest Tour**. Seamlessly blending cutting-edge urban engineering, one of the world's greatest railway journeys, and profound Himalayan spiritual heritage, this curated private itinerary offers a deeply immersive transit from the misty river canyons of southwest China to the staggering heights of Mount Everest Base Camp.

Your journey kicks off in **Chongqing**, China's viral "3D Mountain City." Discover its contrasting layers as you explore the comprehensive **Three Gorges Museum**, ride the elevated monorail straight through a residential building at **Liziba Station**, take in panoramic skyline views from **E'ling Park**, and witness the cliff-hanging stilted architecture of **Hongya Cave** illuminated in radiant gold along the river.

Transition toward the plateau via a quick flight to Xining, where you board the legendary **Qinghai-Tibet Railway**. Relax in your soft-sleeper cabin as the train climbs across the expansive plateau, offering front-row window seats to snow-covered peaks, grazing wild Tibetan antelopes, and grazing herds across the Hoh Xil reserve. Arrive in holy **Lhasa** (3,650 m) to unpack centuries of spiritual devotion at the monumental **Potala Palace**, the sacred **Jokhang Temple**, and bustling **Barkhor Street**, capped with an interactive Tibetan incense-making experience and animated monk debates at **Sera** and **Drepung** monasteries.

Journeying overland into the high Himalayas, marvel at the sacred turquoise waters of **Yamdrok Lake** from Kampala Pass (4,797 m) and gaze up at the towering hanging seracs of **Karola Glacier** . After passing the dramatic switchbacks of **Gyawu La Pass (5,200 m)** to view four 8,000-meter Himalayan giants, reach **Rongbuk Monastery**—the highest functional Buddhist monastery in the world. Stand before the towering pyramid north face of **Mount Everest (8,848.86 m)** at sunrise before exploring the golden halls of **Tashilhunpo Monastery** in Shigatse, returning smoothly along the scenic Yarlung Tsangpo River valley to conclude an unforgettable Himalayan expedition.

- **Durations:** 11 Days
- **Destinations:** Chongqing - Lhasa
- **Tour inquiry:** https://asiachinatour.com/11-days-chongqing-and-tibet-tour/

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Chongqing — Airport/Station Pick-up & Hotel Check-in

Welcome to Chongqing, China's dramatic "Mountain City," the hotpot capital of the world, and a mesmerizing 3D urban wonder built across sheer river cliffs and misty hills. Upon landing or arriving at the train station, your private English-speaking tour guide and driver will meet you right at the passenger exit holding a personalized welcome sign. They will assist with your luggage and drive you directly to your downtown hotel in a comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle.

Afternoon / Evening: After check-in, the rest of the day is yours at leisure. Take time to rest and adjust to the time zone, or step outside to begin taking in the vibrant local atmosphere. If you wish to venture out in the evening, your guide will gladly suggest nearby dining streets for an authentic Sichuan hotpot dinner or panoramic spots to view Chongqing's illuminated bridges and skyscrapers.

Meals: On your own

Accommodation: Hotel in Chongqing

Expert Transit & Arrival Insights:
Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport (CKG) sits approximately 25 to 30 km north of downtown Yuzhong and connects directly to major international gateways alongside domestic routes like Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Xi'an. For rail travelers, high-speed bullet trains arrive mainly at Chongqing North Station (20–30 minutes to downtown) or Chongqing West Station (35–45 minutes), with popular connections linking Chengdu in just 1 to 1.5 hours and Xi'an in 5 to 5.5 hours. Your private guide and driver track your flight or train schedule in real time to ensure prompt curbside greeting right at the exit gate, eliminating any transfer delays or navigation stress in this vertical mountain metropolis.

Day 2: Chongqing City Tour — Three Gorges Museum, Liziba Monorail & Hongya Cave

Start your morning after breakfast as your private guide and driver meet you in the hotel lobby to begin exploring Chongqing's iconic urban landscape. Head first to the **Three Gorges Museum**, home to more than 280,000 precious cultural relics detailing the geological formation of the Yangtze River, the engineering behind the Three Gorges Dam, and Chongqing's historical rise as southwest China's premier commercial and wartime hub. Afterwards, step outside onto the grand central plaza for photos in front of the **Chongqing People's Great Hall**, a circular domed structure modeled after Beijing's Temple of Heaven.

Later in the morning, your guide will escort you onto the **Chongqing Rail Transit (CRT) Line 2** at Huanghuayuan Station. Ride the elevated monorail as it hugs the cliffs along the Jialing River, offering dynamic views of the city's vertical architecture before arriving at **Liziba Metro Station**. Disembark to head down to the dedicated riverside viewing deck and marvel at the famous sight of the monorail gliding directly through a residential apartment building.

After savoring an authentic local lunch, spend your afternoon driving up to **E'ling Park**, perched on the narrowest ridge of the Yuzhong Peninsula. Head up to the Liangjiang Pavilion to take in sweeping 360-degree panoramic views across Chongqing's skyline, capturing the convergence of

mountain ridges, soaring skyscrapers, and the winding Yangtze and Jialing Rivers.

In the late afternoon, arrive at **Hongya Cave (Hongyadong)**, a 9-story complex of traditional Ba-Shu stilt houses (*Diaojiaolou*) cascading down the steep riverside cliffs. Wander through its lively wooden corridors, handicraft stalls, and local snack shops. As dusk settles into evening, watch the entire facade ignite with golden lanterns, creating a glowing fairy-tale atmosphere reminiscent of classic animated fantasy landscapes. Head out to the 11th-floor viewing deck—which astonishingly exits onto an upper city street—for views across the illuminated Qiansimen Bridge before returning to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Chongqing

Expert Touring & Timing Insights:
Chongqing's extreme vertical terrain creates surreal urban perspectives where entering the 1st floor on one side leaves you exiting onto the 11th floor street level on the other, so comfortable, non-slip walking shoes are essential. Timing your arrival at Hongya Cave for late afternoon allows you to explore the indoor wooden stalls before seeing the golden cliffside lanterns light up around sunset (typically between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM depending on the season). For photographing the Liziba monorail, your guide will position you at the riverside viewing terrace across the road, which provides the clearest angle of the train entering the building without traffic obstruction.

Day 3: Flight from Chongqing to Xining & Boarding the Qinghai-Tibet Railway to Lhasa

Enjoy a relaxed morning on your own to pack or stroll near your hotel before meeting your private guide and driver in the lobby for your transfer to Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport (CKG). Board your direct domestic flight across the dramatic terrain of western China to Xining (approx. 2 hours), the provincial capital of Qinghai and the official starting hub of the legendary Qinghai-Tibet Railway.

Upon landing at Xining Caojiapu International Airport, your local transfer driver will greet you at the arrival exit and escort you directly to Xining Railway Station. After clearing security and ticket inspection—where your essential Tibet Travel Permit will be verified alongside your passport—board the high-altitude train bound for Lhasa. Settle into your comfortable soft-sleeper compartment as the train rolls west, crossing the vast northwestern plains and climbing onto the breathtaking Tibetan Plateau under the evening sky.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight Soft-Sleeper Train (Qinghai-Tibet Railway)

Expert Transit & Train Insights:
Boarding the train at Xining requires having the original printed Tibet Travel Permit and your passport ready for station gate inspection. The custom-engineered trains on the Qinghai-Tibet line feature an automated, pressurized cabin oxygen-dispersion system to ease acclimatization, along with individual oxygen outlets beside each berth. While the train includes a dining carriage serving basic Chinese and Tibetan dishes, packing sealed snacks, fruits, and instant meals ensures variety, and carrying personal travel-size toiletries, wet wipes, and tissues is highly recommended as shared facilities do not supply them.

Day 4: Qinghai-Tibet Scenic Railway to Lhasa — Arrival & Acclimatization

Wake up to views of the Tibetan Plateau as the train advances along the world's highest railway. Spend your morning by the window watching the changing landscape: snow-dusted Himalayan peaks, cobalt alpine lakes, expanses of high-altitude grassland dotted with grazing yaks, and traditional nomadic white tents. Keep an eye out across the Kekexili (Hoh Xil) nature reserve for native wildlife, including Tibetan antelopes, wild kiangs (Tibetan wild asses), and foxes roaming beneath open skies.

In the afternoon, your train pulls into Lhasa Railway Station, marking your arrival in the spiritual heart of Tibet. Tashi Delek! Welcome to Lhasa (altitude: 3,650 meters / 11,975 feet). As you exit the station hall, your local Tibetan English-speaking guide and driver will meet you with a traditional white Hada blessing scarf and escort you to your vehicle for the comfortable drive into downtown Lhasa. Settle into your hotel, unpack, and dedicate the remainder of the day to resting quietly so your body can adjust to the altitude.

Meals: On your own

Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa

Expert High-Altitude Acclimatization Insights:
Arriving at Lhasa's altitude of 3,650 meters requires a conscious shift in pace, so take slow, measured steps, drink plenty of warm water throughout the day, avoid alcoholic beverages or strenuous movement, and refrain from taking a bath or hot shower for your first 24 to 48 hours to prevent sudden vessel dilation or catching a chill. While mild headaches, light dizziness, or slight shortness of breath are normal physiological responses to the thinner air, always communicate openly with your tour guide or hotel concierge if symptoms persist, as local staff are experienced in providing supplemental oxygen and medical assistance whenever needed.

Day 5: Lhasa City Cultural Heritage — Jokhang Temple, Sera Monastery & Barkhor Street

Begin your morning exploration of Lhasa's spiritual core at **Jokhang Temple**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the most revered Buddhist sanctuary in Tibet. Built in the 7th century by King Songtsen Gampo for his two royal brides—Princess Wencheng of China and Princess Bhrikuti of Nepal—this ancient temple seamlessly weaves Tibetan, Tang Dynasty, Nepalese, and Indian architectural styles. Step inside the dimly lit halls scented with burning yak butter to marvel at centuries-old murals, intricately carved timber pillars, and the temple's sacred centerpiece: the life-sized, gilded statue of the 12-year-old Sakyamuni Buddha (*Jowo Rinpoche*). Outside, witness devoted pilgrims prostrating along the flagstones in continuous acts of reverence.

During the early afternoon, take a 50-minute scenic drive north through the Lhasa Valley to **Sera Monastery**, one of the "Great Three" university monasteries of the Gelug sect of Tibetan Buddhism. Wander through tranquil whitewashed chanting halls and courtyards shaded by willow trees before heading to the debate courtyard between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM (held Monday through Saturday). Observe the spirited monastic debates, where standing monks test seated peers on Buddhist philosophical treatises, punctuating theological challenges with rhythmic hand slaps, stomps, and outstretched prayer beads meant to awaken wisdom and dispel ignorance.

Conclude your afternoon returning to downtown Lhasa for an immersive walk along **Barkhor**

Street, the circular pilgrim circuit encircling Jokhang Temple. Join crowds of local Tibetan pilgrims spinning golden prayer wheels clockwise along the sacred *kora* path. The bustling lanes also host a vibrant bazaar filled with shops selling hand-woven Tibetan carpets, prayer flags, incense, turquoise jewelry, and Nepalese silver crafts, offering the ideal spot to unwind at an authentic Tibetan teahouse with a pot of savory yak butter tea or sweet milk tea.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa

Expert Touring & Timing Insights:
Visiting Jokhang Temple requires adhering strictly to assigned entry time slots booked under your passport number, which means the daily order between Jokhang and Sera Monastery may be adjusted to align with official ticket confirmations. While watching the debate at Sera Monastery, visitors are welcome to photograph the courtyard sessions, though photography remains strictly prohibited inside the active assembly halls and chapels throughout both monasteries. When walking the Barkhor Street pilgrimage circuit, always follow Tibetan Buddhist custom by moving strictly in a clockwise direction around the perimeter of Jokhang Temple.

Day 6: Lhasa City Cultural Exploration — Potala Palace, Drepung Monastery & Tibetan Heritage Crafting

Begin your day ascending to the iconic **Potala Palace**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the towering winter residence of successive Dalai Lamas from 1649 to 1959. Built against the Red Hill (Marpo Ri), climb the 365 gentle stone steps to reach the Red Palace at an altitude of 3,700 meters. Explore the grand ceremonial halls, sacred chapels, gilded stupas containing the remains of past Dalai Lamas, and the ancient meditation cave of King Songtsen Gampo, who originally founded a fortress here in the 7th century for his marriage to Princess Wencheng. Marvel at the intricate thangkas, jeweled artifacts, and mural paintings while walking alongside local pilgrims completing their lifelong spiritual journeys.

During the afternoon, take a 35-minute scenic drive (12 km) northwest of Lhasa to **Drepung Monastery**, nestled along the foot of Mount Gambo Utse. Once housing over 10,000 monks as the largest monastery of the Gelug sect and the historic residence of the Dalai Lamas before the Potala was completed, Drepung is famous for hosting the annual Shoton Festival with its grand Thangka unfolding ceremony. Walk through its whitewashed monastic quarters, visit the historic Ganden Podrang palace, and observe the lively philosophical monk debates characterized by rhythmic clapping and spirited theological exchanges.

Conclude your afternoon with an immersive, hands-on 2-hour **Tibetan Cultural Heritage Experience**. Discover the traditional arts of the plateau by learning the sacred formulas of Tibetan herbal incense making and the meticulous techniques of hand-carved woodblock printing, creating your own personalized prints and incense sticks to take home as authentic cultural keepsakes.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa

Expert Touring & Timing Insights:
The climb up the Potala Palace involves ascending 365 steps at high altitude, so take a slow, rhythmic pace with frequent rests to avoid breathlessness, and keep in mind that official heritage regulations limit the visit inside the palace chambers to strictly one hour with photography

completely prohibited indoors. Your guide will coordinate the daily sequence between the Potala Palace and Drepung Monastery based on your assigned entry reservation ticket time slot, ensuring a smooth and unhurried transition between sites. When packing for the day, remember that security screening at the Potala Palace restricts liquids, lighters, and sharp objects, though bottled water can be purchased once inside the upper courtyards.

Day 7: Lhasa to Shigatse via Gyantse — Sacred Yamdrok Lake, Karola Glacier & Pelkor Monastery

Set out from your Lhasa hotel after breakfast for an overland road journey across the high plateau to Shigatse (3,850 m), traveling via the historic town of Gyantse (3,950 m). After climbing winding mountain roads for about 3 to 4 hours (200 km), reach the crest of **Kampala Pass (4,797 m)**. Step out onto the scenic lookout for panoramic vistas of **Yamdrok Lake (Yamdrok Yumtso)**, one of Tibet's four most sacred lakes alongside Namtso, Manasarovar, and Lhamo La-tso. Marvel at its turquoise waters winding around mountain ranges against the backdrop of snow-dusted Mount Nyenchen Khangsar. At the pass, local herders often gather with decorated yaks, Tibetan mastiffs, and sheep, offering optional photo opportunities for a modest fee of 5–10 RMB.

Continue your overland drive for about 1.5 hours (70 km) toward the dramatic frozen tongue of **Karola Glacier (5,012 m)**. Backed by the southern slopes of Mount Naiqin Kangsang (7,191 m) and serving as the primary headwater of the eastern Nianchu River, this continental glacier cascades down the mountainside like an icy frozen waterfall situated just 300 meters from the highway. Take a brief stroll along the roadside boardwalks to observe the seracs and blue-ice fissures up close, with the snow-capped peak of Mount Kalurong rising across the valley.

In the afternoon, continue your overland drive for about 1.5 hours (70 km) to visit the majestic **Karola Glacier (5,012 m)**, famously known as the filming location for the movie Red Valley. As one of Tibet's three major continental glaciers, backed by the southern slopes of Mount Naiqin Kangsang (7,191 m) and serving as the primary source of the eastern Nianchu River, this spectacular white glacier hangs like a frozen waterfall just 300 meters from the highway. Take a gentle walk to the foot of the glacier to admire its massive ice seracs and blue crevasses up close, while enjoying sweeping views of the snow-capped Mount Kalurong across the valley. Afterwards, drive along the Friendship Highway through the historic town of Gyantse and follow the scenic Nianchu River valley directly to Shigatse to check into your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Shigatse

Expert Overland & Altitude Insights:
Today's route ascends through Kampala Pass (4,797 m) and peaks near Karola Glacier at 5,012 meters before dropping down to the fertile valleys of Gyantse and Shigatse, so dress in warm layers with a windproof jacket, move deliberately at viewing stops to avoid wind chills or shortness of breath, and keep an insulated water bottle handy. Restroom facilities along the mountain passes and glacier stops are rudimentary roadside dry toilets, making personal packs of tissues, wet wipes, and hand sanitizer essential travel companions. While walking around the passes and monastic squares, local nomadic herders and souvenir vendors may invite you to take photos of their animals or wares, so always confirm whether a fee applies beforehand to ensure smooth, pleasant interactions throughout your highland transit.

Day 8: Shigatse to Rongbuk Monastery & Mount Everest Base Camp Area

Set out from Shigatse after breakfast along the Friendship Highway on a high-altitude expedition toward the roof of the world. After driving southwest past Lhatse and Shelkar for about 4.5 hours (240 km), ascend to **Gyawu La Pass (5,200 m)**. From this mountain vantage point, gaze out across the Himalayan range to take in five towering peaks above 8,000 meters—including Mount Everest (Qomolangma), Lhotse, Makalu, Cho Oyu, and Shishapangma. Look down over the ridge to witness the famous switchback road carving dozens of hairpin bends across the barren plateau valleys below, where devout pilgrims and adventurous cyclists make their way toward the base.

During the afternoon, descend the pass and drive approximately 3.5 hours (122 km) deeper into Mount Everest National Nature Reserve to reach **Rongbuk Monastery (5,154 m)**, recognized as the highest functional Buddhist monastery on Earth. Founded in the early 20th century atop centuries-old meditation caves, Rongbuk offers an unobstructed, ground-up view of the north face of Mount Everest rising dramatically at the head of the valley. Wander past whitewashed chortens, mani stone mounds, and strings of colorful prayer flags fluttering in the mountain wind as golden late-afternoon light reflects across the Himalayan snowfields.

In the late afternoon, proceed to your designated EBC guesthouse to check in and bundle up. Watch the evening alpenglow turn Everest's north face into shades of radiant amber and copper before retreating indoors for a simple, warming dinner under a blanket of high-altitude stars.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: EBC Guesthouse (Basic communal facilities)

Expert High-Altitude & Remote Touring Insights:
Today brings an elevation jump from 3,850 meters to over 5,100 meters, making it essential to drink warm water frequently, move slowly, avoid sudden physical exertion, and bundle up in windproof down parkas, thermal base layers, and fleece beanies as nighttime temperatures at Everest plunge well below freezing even in summer. To protect fragile glacier ecology, tourist vehicle access terminates at the designated Rongbuk eco-zone, which still delivers the exact same panoramic north-face Everest vistas as the historical climbing base camp just two kilometers ahead. Accommodations and food at Rongbuk are basic and rustic with shared dry toilets and limited running water, so packing thermal hot-water thermoses, portable power banks, body-warming heat pads, and sealed energy snacks will keep you comfortable throughout your night beneath the world's highest peak.

Day 9: Mount Everest Sunrise & Base Camp to Shigatse via Gyawu La Pass

Rise early in the crisp mountain air between 6:30 AM and 7:00 AM to witness the sunrise over Mount Everest (8,848.86 m). Watch in awe as the first rays of morning light paint the pyramid-shaped north face from cool twilight blue into radiant hues of gold, amber, and crimson. After savoring this natural spectacle and enjoying a warm breakfast, head to the designated Everest Base Camp monument area (5,200 m). Travelers can choose between an exhilarating 4-kilometer gentle high-altitude hike or hop on the local park eco-shuttle bus (self-pay on site). Standing approximately 20 kilometers as the crow flies from the world's highest peak, capture unforgettable close-up photographs in front of the official Mount Qomolangma elevation marker and the sweeping Rongbuk Glacier valley.

Later in the morning, bid farewell to Rongbuk and begin your scenic return journey to Shigatse

along the well-paved national highway. Wind back up the mountain switchbacks to pause once more at **Gyawu La Pass (5,200 m)**. With the brilliant midday sun illuminating the Himalayan horizon, take in a sweeping panoramic farewell to four legendary 8,000-meter giants—Makalu, Lhotse, Everest, and Cho Oyu—flanked by strings of fluttering colorful prayer flags. Continue your drive down through Shelkar and Lhatse along the Yarlung Tsangpo river basin, arriving back in Shigatse (3,850 m) in the late afternoon to check into your hotel and enjoy a hot shower and well-deserved rest.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Shigatse

Expert Highland Return Insights:
Morning temperatures during sunrise at Rongbuk consistently drop well below freezing year-round, making it essential to wear heavy down parkas, windproof pants, insulated gloves, and fleece-lined beanies with chemical hand-warmers tucked inside your pockets to prevent camera and phone batteries from draining rapidly in the sub-zero chill. For the 4-kilometer path connecting Rongbuk to the elevation marker viewing point, taking the park eco-shuttle preserves energy if you felt any altitude fatigue overnight, while those opting to walk should maintain a slow, rhythmic gait and drink warm water from an insulated thermos. As you descend from 5,200 meters back down to Shigatse at 3,850 meters by late afternoon, the marked increase in atmospheric oxygen pressure brings an immediate easing of physical fatigue and noticeably deeper, more restful sleep.

Day 10: Shigatse to Lhasa — Tashilhunpo Monastery & Scenic Yarlung Tsangpo Valley

Start your morning with an early visit to **Tashilhunpo Monastery**, founded in 1447 by the 1st Dalai Lama, Gyalwa Gedun Drup. As one of the "Great Six" monasteries of the Gelug sect, it serves as the traditional spiritual seat of successive Panchen Lamas, Tibet's second-highest incarnate lineage. Walk along flagstone pathways lined with white and ochre residential quarters to marvel at the Hall of the Maitreya Buddha, housing a magnificent 26-meter-tall gilded bronze statue of the Future Buddha adorned with diamonds, pearls, and coral. Pay your respects at the gold-roofed memorial stupas (*chortens*) enshrining the sacred relics of the 4th and 10th Panchen Lamas. Listen to the resonance of monks chanting morning prayers in the grand assembly halls, and join local Tibetan pilgrims on the hillside *kora* circuit behind the complex for a sweeping bird's-eye view across the golden temple roofs and the surrounding valley of Shigatse.

In the afternoon, begin your scenic drive back to Lhasa along the modern highway running parallel to the majestic **Yarlung Tsangpo River** (approx. 270 km, 5 hours). Pause at designated panoramic roadside viewpoints along the valley gorge to capture stunning photos of the braided riverbeds, terraced barley fields, and rugged granite bluffs carved by the plateau's life-giving waterway. Upon arriving back in Lhasa (3,650 m) in the late afternoon, your driver will transfer you to your hotel to settle in, unwind, and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Lhasa

Expert Transit & Touring Insights:
Morning light at Tashilhunpo Monastery illuminates the golden roofs and whitewashed Thangka display wall, making early visits ideal for photography before large tour groups arrive. While

driving along the Friendship Highway through the Yarlung Tsangpo River canyon offers scenic roadside photo opportunities, travelers seeking a faster and ultra-smooth return can opt for the modern Lhasa-Shigatse high-speed bullet train, which takes just about 2.5 hours and offers panoramic window views across the plateau valleys.

Day 11: Lhasa Departure — Hotel Check-out & Airport/Station Transfer

Savor a leisurely breakfast at your hotel in Lhasa and complete your check-out process as your memorable 11-day Chongqing, Qinghai-Tibet Railway, and Mount Everest journey comes to an end. Based on your departure flight or bullet train schedule, your private Tibetan guide and driver will meet you in the hotel lobby, assist with your luggage, and provide a smooth, comfortable transfer to **Lhasa Gonggar Airport (LXA)** or **Lhasa Railway Station**. They will escort you to the security and check-in concourse, ensuring all boarding formalities and permits are in order before wishing you a fond farewell and safe travels on your onward adventure across China or your journey back home.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Not included (End of Tour Services)

Expert Departure & Transit Insights:
Lhasa Gonggar Airport (LXA) is situated approximately 60 kilometers south of downtown Lhasa along the expressway, requiring an easy 1-hour drive, while Lhasa Railway Station is located about 20 minutes from the city center, so plan to depart your hotel at least 2.5 hours prior to domestic flights to allow ample time for high-altitude security screenings. Keep your passport and Tibet Travel Permit handy in your daypack, as airport and train station security will inspect them before admitting you into the boarding area. For travelers looking to extend their Himalayan adventure, customized route extensions can easily connect north to the sky-blue holy waters of Namtso Lake, westward toward sacred Mount Kailash and Lake Manasarovar, or southwest down to Gyirong Port on the Nepal border for overland travel directly into Kathmandu.

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate

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